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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Colony—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The medical officer of health for the Colony reports, February 12 and 19, 1906, as follows:

Week ended February 10, 1906:

Port Elizabeth.—Rodents bacteriologically examined for plague infection, 349. No plague infection found.

East London.—Rodents examined, 173. No plague infection found.

Cape Town, harbor board area, and shipping.—Rodents examined, 662. No plague infection found.

Week ended February 17, 1906:

Port Elizabeth.—Rodents bacteriologically examined for plague infection, 386. No plague infection found.

East London.—Rodents examined, 214. No plague infection found.

Cape Town, harbor board area, and shipping.—Rodents examined, 416.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever—Plague in Bahia.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, February 22, as follows:

During the week ended the 18th instant vessels requiring inspection left Rio de Janeiro for United States ports as follows: On the 16th instant the British steamship *Eastern Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew while here; on the 19th instant the British steamship *Titian*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 3 first-class and 13 steerage passengers for New York from this port, and no change in the personnel of the vessel. There were no other transactions during the week.

Bubonic plague in Bahia.

Dispatches received here during the last few days and notices in the daily press state that the inhabitants of Bahia are in great dread of a visitation of plague similar to that which occurred in Bahia in 1904-5. The number of cases seems to be increasing every day, and as yet the death rate is very high, pointing perhaps to nonreporting of all cases, or to intensity of the infection.

No figures are as yet available, at least in this city.